

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Parish Office to schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage Preparation at least 90 days prior to your wedding date. Please contact Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Contact Parish Office for Home visits, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion

Sacrament Reconciliation

Before Mass or call Parish Office for arrangement with Priest.

Father Francis Lil'O Corner
Preparing for the Season of Renewal

Grace and peace of the Lord!

The season of Lent is a few days away. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and continues until the Holy Week, April 14th. I would like to use my little corner to give you an idea of what's coming so that you are not left out in the life of our parish cluster.

Foremost, you need to make the effort to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes signifies the beginning of a journey into our souls during Lent; it's a reminder to us of the call to conversion, which every Christian is reminded to respond daily with our lives. Besides, the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us that 'we are dust and unto dust we shall return'. Our Cluster Ash Wednesday schedule is in the bulletin, on our Face Book pages and on our cluster website, please plan to attend at least one service.

Stations of the Cross are another wonderful piece of devotion that you would want to experience a little more intensely this year. Our prayers and reflections which center on the suffering and death of our Lord has remains a great strength to all who pray it. I urge you again to check the schedule in our bulletin and include it on your family events.

Furthermore, I would like to invite the entire cluster to a special communal penance event with Bishop Zinkula. Bishop was invited especially as part of activities marking the 50years of Sts Philip and James Church in Grand Mound. As part of activities, there was the need to emphasize our commitment to renewal after 50 years of moving to our current worship space. There have been various moments of our journey of faith as a Church and as individuals, which includes, unfortunately very dark periods as well. Bishop Zinkula and several other priests will be leading a reconciliation encounter on March 24th at 5.30pm in Grand Mound. Once again, get it on your calendar and be ready to go for confession (a really good one).

I invite you, dearly beloved in Christ, to prepare for an intense journey of faith this Lent. Be ready to fast, give alms and pray without ceasing. And may the good Lord pour forth his grace and mercies upon us.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Father Francis



Why the Pelican with Chicks is a Symbol of the Eucharist

An image of a mother pelican with her chicks is carved into the capital on top of a pillar at the Cenacle, the Upper Room on Mount Zion in Jerusalem where tradition holds that Jesus shared the Last Supper with his apostles and instituted the Eucharist. It is the only artwork in the entire room, and is singularly appropriate because it is a symbol for Jesus and the Eucharist.

Mother pelicans lay their eggs in a nest, and after the chicks hatch, the mothers leave the nest to hunt for food, return and feed the chicks. In times of drought the marshes and streams might dry and the mother pelican is unable to find food. Her chicks are delicate, need to be fed daily. Faced with this crisis, the mother pelican uses its beak to poke holes in her breast, which causes blood to come out, and the chicks are nourished with their mother's blood. The mother dies and the chicks survive.

Christians see parallels between the mother pelican and her chicks and Jesus and his followers. The mother pelican represents Jesus, the chicks represent us. The chicks dwell in the safety of the nest, believers dwell in the safety of the Church. The mother is the head of the nest, and Jesus is the head of the Church (Eph 1:22). The mother has an intense concern for her chicks and it goes against her nature to allow any of them to perish, and Jesus has a great love for us and wants none of us to perish.

When food is in short supply, the pelican pierces its breast with its sharp, pointed beak, and the side of Jesus was pierced by a sharp, pointed lance (Jn 19:34a). Blood flows from the pelican's breast, and blood flowed from Jesus' side (Jn 19:34b). The mother's blood is drink for her chicks, and the blood of Jesus is "true drink" (Jn 6:55b). The mother gives her life that her chicks might live, and Jesus laid down his life that we might live (Jn 15:13). The mother's blood saves the lives of the chicks, and the blood of Jesus is salvation and eternal life (Jn 6:54) for those who receive it. Because of these striking similarities, the mother pelican and her chicks have come to represent the Eucharist, as well as redemption and salvation.

A portrayal of a mother pelican and her chicks frequently is on display in places associated with the Eucharist: the doors of the tabernacle; the front of the altar; a hanging in front of the lectern or ambo; a stained glass window in the sanctuary area; the decorative design on a chalice, chasuble or cope; or on the ends of pews. Look for the Mother Pelican and her chicks.

The Catholic Spirit - Father Van Sloun

NEWS AND EVENTS



Heart to Heart sympathy for Bishop Thomas Zinkula in the loss of his mother, Mary Zinkula, who passed away on February 13. We pray to God that the love of all around our Bishop bring him strength and consolation. As our faith teaches us, we believe: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, March 6th

08:00am OLHR/Lost Nation

06:00pm SSPJ/Grand Mound

Friday, March 8th

06:00pm Sacred Heart/Ox. Junct

Andrea Denhardt from LPi, our bulletin publisher, will be in our office the week of **February 25th - 28th**, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and helps attract customers!

Retreat for Men: Men of the parish, this is a great opportunity for you to enter into the Lenten Season by coming to Our Lady of the Prairie for a retreat given by Fr Mike Schaab. The retreat is scheduled for the weekend of March 8-10 to provide you with time to reflect on your call to pray, fast and give alms. The retreat begins Friday evening, March 8, with a 5:30 dinner and closes on Sunday, March 10, at 11:00 am. If interested in attending, call Sr Rae Elwood at 563-336-8414 to register.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS - Q&A

Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff at 7 p.m. on February 28, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 417-6th Avenue, DeWitt, Iowa

Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. **Questions?** Call Beth Blough, Tribunal Auditor, (563) 888-4236.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary hosted Bingo at Wheatland Manor on Tuesday, February 12. Four helpers and 20 Residents played Bingo and we appreciate the help from the two Wheatland ladies. They came to help out since several regular helpers could not get there because of weather conditions. Residents were able to enjoy their Valentine treats and prizes. Our next Bingo will be March 12th at Wheatland Manor and will celebrate St Patrick's Day.

Evening Rosary will resume on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Lost Nation. We will continue to alternate location, same as previous Saturday Mass schedule. ALL ARE WELCOME at this half hour of prayer and reflection for our Cluster, our Priest and all Parishioners.



SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Liturgical Ministries for March are on Page 4A of bulletin.



March Coffee Hour will be hosted by Chris Forret and assisted by the families of Julius Michel, Bryan Robinson, Philip Butt, Ann Venditti, Alan McNeil, and Darrell Warren.



Begin on Wednesday, March 13th, at 4:30 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. Taking turns to Lead and Read by participants is a spiritual uplift and this is an invitation to enter into a faith experience of who Jesus is for you. It becomes a connection with Jesus when we open our heart to be touched, and it leads us to express our faith in Jesus.

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

K of C are having a free will offering soup and sandwiches on March 3 after mass in O.J. join us for some fellowship.

The March minister schedule is being worked on & will be posted shortly. April & May sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall. Lent begins on March 6 and Easter is April 21.

Due to Holy Week, we'll be needing extra help, so we hope you'll keep that in mind when signing up. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers.

Sanctuary Guild meeting March 4 at 7:00 pm in library. Serving Committee is: Margo Ahrendsen. Deb Bisinger & Sharon Miller.

Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make a direct impact. Please consider making a contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today.

World Day of Prayer will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, March 1st at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oxford Junction. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Religious Ed—CEW Weekend March 8—10th, 2019

Held at the Bean Farm 7731 148th St., Scotch Grove. (Bean Farm is actually located 1 1/2 miles north of Onslow). Applications are on the bulletin board in OJ. Contact Barb Ihns





Our Lady of Holy Rosary: Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens , Steve Benischek

SS Philip & James Church: Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret

Sacred Heart Church: Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive

MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday 02/23/19/Toronto
05:00pm Kathy VanWaes
Sunday 02/24/19/7th Sunday Ordinary Time
08:00am Grand Mound/Richard Nichols Family
10:00am Oxford Junction/Al Premo
Monday 02/25/19 No Mass
Tuesday 02/26/19/Grand Mound
08:00am Berniece Pinter
Wednesday 02/27/19/Grand Mound
05:00pm Howard and Gerard Green
Thursday 02/28/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm For the Parish
Friday 03/01/19 /Oxford Junction
08:00am Frank & Mary Kolarick
Saturday 03/02/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm Albert Bouchaute
Sunday 03/03/19/8th Sunday Ordinary Time
08:00am Grand Mound/John Purcell Family
09:30am Toronto/Kathy VanWaes
10:00am Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter



Our Lady of the Prairie will have Mass at 10:00 am and extends a special invitation to parishioners to come join us on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will honor the day with distribution ashes, special songs and prayers during the liturgy.

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13,1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab,2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Ministries | Find Your Place

SS Philip & James Ministries March 3, 2019

Lector: Chris Grillot
E. Min: Jean Moffit, Roger & Mary Green
Ushers: Mark Hahn, Roger Green, Tom Walter
Servers: Brian & Megan Forret, Ali Swanton

March 10, 2019

Lector: Richard Azinger
E. Min: Joyce Barnes & Chris Grillot
Ushers: Aaron Gorzney, Kurt Crosthwaite, John Peavey
Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, Isabel Shockey

March 17, 2019

Lector: Richard Azinger
E. Min: Barb Morrissey & Jean Maher
Ushers: Joe Dierickx, Paul Rock, Dan Donahue
Servers: Alec, Ellen & Olevia Olson

March 24, 2019

Lector: Jean Maher
E. Min: Jean Moffit & Maureen Schrader
Ushers: Julius Michel, Doyle Fox, Mike McNeil
Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

March 31, 2019

Lector: Barb Morrissey
E. Min: Volunteers
Ushers: Bob Syslo, Josh Fox, George Green
Servers: Brian & Megan Forret, Ali Swanton